



**STONEHAVEN AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

7:00 to 9:30pm, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Invercarron Resource Centre, Stonehaven

<b>1.</b>	<b>Chairperson's Welcome</b>	
<b>1.1</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	
<b>1.1.1</b>	<b>SDCC Councillors</b>	
	Raymond Christie (RC), Paddy Coffield (PC), Stephen Holt (SH), Ian Hunter (IH), Alistair Lawrie (AL), Donald A. Lawrie Morrison (DLM), Paul Lindop (PL), Jim Morrison (JM), Keith Simpson (KS), Jim Stephen (JS), Fiona Tavendale (FT), Gerry Towler (GT) and Daniel Veltman (DV).	
<b>1.1.2</b>	<b>Aberdeenshire Councillors</b>	
	Councillor Dickinson (Cllr D).	
<b>1.1.3</b>	<b>Others</b>	
	The general public and Julia M. Lawrie Morrison, Minute Taker.	
<b>1.1.4</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	
	Councillor Agnew (Cllr A), Councillor Robertson (Cllr R), Mike Duncan (MD), Jim Morrison (JM), Bill Watson (BW), Lindsay Wood (LW).	
<b>1.1.5</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	
	None.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Minutes</b>	
<b>2.1</b>	<b>Approval of the Last Minute</b>	
	<p><b>Amendments</b> AL confirmed delay in issuing amended minutes was caused due to due a technical issue which he hoped would be resolved shortly.</p> <p>PC reconfirmed with AL the nature of his proposed amendments.</p> <p><b>MOTION</b> <b>Proposed DV Seconded IH</b></p>	
<b>2.2</b>	<b>Matters Arising from the Last Minutes</b>	
	<b>ACTION</b> AL to update the minutes once technical issues are resolved, taking account of member suggestions.	<b>AL</b>
<b>2.2.1</b>	<b>CCTV/Defibrillator Proposal, JS/PL</b>	
	JS spoke with Police Community Liaison Officer, Mark Camus, regarding the siting of CCTV. The location of defibrillator at the east side of the square by the taxi rank was proposed and for SDCC to consider.	
	<b>ACTION</b> PL will speak to an architect regarding what would be required for its installation.	<b>PL</b>

<b>2.2.2</b>	<b>Blue Room, Stonehaven Community Centre, PL</b>	
	PL tried to get in touch with Cllr Tom Buchan regarding this matter.	
	<b>ACTION</b> PL to follow this up.	<b>PL</b>
<b>2.2.3</b>	<b>Fence within Dunnottar Woods, Cllr D</b>	
	Cllr D continued to follow this up but responsibility of this site unclear. DV yet to hear from the Dunnottar Woodland Trust. PC felt this should not be pursued by the SDCC anymore. PC proposed dropping this item in future. Agreed.	
<b>2.2.4</b>	<b>Antisocial Behaviour Question, Cllr D</b>	
	No further update.	
	<b>ACTION</b> Cllr D to send an email received regarding this from Police Community Liaison Officer Mark Camus to RC.	<b>Cllr D</b>
<b>2.2.5</b>	<b>Refill Charity Campaign Awareness, Fiona Basford</b>	
	Cllr D informed members of the work Fiona Basford had undertaken on behalf of raising awareness of the Refill Charity Campaign, through setting up social media accounts and making connections with local businesses, obtaining agreement to take part.	
<b>2.2.6</b>	<b>Self-build Proposals for Seminar, IH</b>	
	No further update.	
<b>2.2.7</b>	<b>Dog Fouling, MD, Cllr D and Communication Group</b>	
	Discussion over the use of fixed penalty notices for owners who fail to clear up after their dog fouls and on the topic of dog fouling in publicly accessible school playgrounds and all-weather pitches.	
	Cllr D to meet with Bruce Stewart, Area Manager for Kincardine and Mearns at Aberdeenshire Council, on 31 <sup>st</sup> October to discuss.	
	<b>ACTION</b> Cllr D to provide an update post her meeting with BS.	<b>Cllr D</b>
	<b>ACTION</b> Members with news updates to write up in draft and pass to SDCC Comms Group as required.	<b>ALL</b>
<b>2.2.8</b>	<b>Twinning Group Correspondence, AL/RC</b>	
	AL sent a letter to Phil Mills-Bishop regarding this. No further update.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Police Report and Matters</b>	
	No police present.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Issues Not on the Agenda Raised by the Public</b>	
	None.	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Planning</b>	
<b>5.1</b>	<b>Ury Estate – 33 Houses at East Lodge – APP/2019/1961, PL</b>	
	The audience were asked if anyone was in attendance interested in this item. No response. Documents were available to members and the audience regarding this application.	
	The developer seeks to build 33 houses in a segment of land considered by their previous planning application, from May 2018, but unused. The current application does not provide additional assessment in terms of flooding and drainage, referring to the same 2013 document referred to in their 2018 application, nor does it consider impact on education and associated facilities. SDCC requires to ascertain up to date information on these factors before providing its support of the application.	
	<b>MOTION</b> A letter from SDCC is proposed to be submitted to say that, at this point, SDCC has to object because no integrated flood risk assessment, nor drainage impact assessment has been undertaken, the proposed road still has not been constructed and education needs and community facilities for the development would need to be considered. Proposed by PC; seconded by AL.	
	Unanimous agreement; carried forward.	
	<b>ACTION</b> PL to draft a letter on behalf of SDCC.	<b>PL</b>

<b>6.</b>	<b>Business Matters</b>	
<b>6.1</b>	<b>Mental Health Consultation, GT</b>	
	Over 100 responses were provided to a recent SDCC mental health consultation exercise but were lost to a Survey Monkey licencing issue. SDCC will be involved in 3 participatory requests with Aberdeenshire Council. Carina Strachan replaces Pete Matthews as SAMH Manager leading the project. The first strategic meeting takes place on Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> October at which the 5-year plan will be considered. These meetings will take place every 6 months for the first year onwards for a period of 18 months.	
	Local mental health support organization Pillar is one of 3 finalists at an awards ceremony in Edinburgh.	
	<b>ACTION</b> KS to provide information on drug and alcohol deaths in the area.	<b>KS</b>
	<b>ACTION</b> MD/GT to provide an update at the December meeting.	<b>MD/GT</b>
<b>6.2</b>	<b>Greener Kincardine, IH</b>	
	Concern was raised over the loss of Stonehaven's fair-trade status and reduced membership of Stonehaven's fair trade group. Peter Bellarby at a recent Greener Kincardine meeting made an appeal for people to join the group. Fair trade fortnight will run around the last week of February until the first week of March next year.	
	At a recent showing of the film 'Tomorrow' a survey was undertaken on audience response which will form part of an application to the Big Climate Fund made by Sandra Davison with the aim of creating a programme of national public engagement events regarding Scotland's contribution to climate change, the objective of which is to set up a series of conversation workshops. Sandra Davison also applied for funding from the Woodland Trust seeking to plant trees in local communities at locations to be determined by them.	
	The group discussed the position of the Scottish Government and Aberdeenshire Council regarding climate change. In response to a question posed by PC ("Why, unlike most local authorities in Scotland, did Aberdeenshire decide not to declare a climate emergency?"), Cllr D highlighted the interest and activity the council has had on this matter, noting that it is the first and only council to set a carbon budget, set earlier this year, including ways the organization seeks to effect a culture change too, although it recognizes that it needs and will do more but that adequate money from the Scottish Government must also be provided to local authorities to support this aim, especially wherein the Scottish Government views this cause as a state of emergency. Cllr D reconfirmed that tackling climate change is a moral obligation the Council is already very much working on.	
	IH highlighted that various activities could be initiated in the area by groups joining together, such as the edible trails in Portlethen. PL noted that areas for planting were considered within the Community Action Plan.	
	<b>ACTION</b> DV to suggest this to the Dunnottar Woodland Group.	<b>DV</b>
	<b>ACTION</b> Anyone interested in joining the Stonehaven Fair Trade Group to contact Peter Bellarby.	<b>ALL</b>
	<b>ACTION</b> IH to get draft text from Peter Bellarby to share with SDCC Comms Group on the website.	<b>IH</b>
<b>6.3</b>	<b>Christmas Tree Update, JS</b>	
	JS confirmed a donation of £70 had been received from the Bed Centre's craft group towards the cost of the Christmas lights. JS confirmed everything is in place for the event.	
	<b>ACTION</b> JS to send details of the event to AL.	<b>JS</b>
	<b>ACTION</b> JS to confirm Council sign-offs with Diane Strachan.	<b>JS</b>
	<b>ACTION</b> AL to write a thank you letter from SDCC to the Bed Centre Craft Group for their donation.	<b>AL</b>
<b>6.4</b>	<b>Nippy Dip Charity Choice, JS</b>	
	Mackie Young Carers representatives, Fiona and Katrina gave rundown about the group and its future plans. Fiona, a member of the school's guidance staff, explained the remit of the group, looking after vulnerable groups of children in the school. Fiona covered the Carers Act which came into force earlier	

	<p>this year, young carers' statements and toolkits, young carers' grants, and various ways the group provides support to young carers at the school. Fiona highlighted that the group provides a ways for young carers to meet and support each other, information and awareness raising on their role and needs as young carers. It was noted that young carers often undertake this role for a parent or sibling, often taking on responsibility beyond their years as children, lacking in support and may be affected by drug and alcohol abuse. The group aims to provide a way for young carers to have fun, through the organising of various types of meeting and outings. To finance their aims the group seeks ways to fundraise. Past and current fundraising activities have included bag-packing at the David Street Coop supermarket to the creation of a fundraising wall at the school which was opened by the comedian Russell Howard, himself once a young carer. Future plans include raising funds for the annual Christmas outing and group t-shirts. The group offers its assistance to SDCC with the delivery of the Nippy Dip this New Year, and welcomes SDCC financial support through Nippy Dip collections.</p> <p>Bricks are still available to purchase on the Young Carers' Wall.</p> <p>Catriona agreed to work with PL assisting him in the creation of the Nippy Dip fundraising webpage on Just Giving.</p> <p><b>MOTION</b> Young Carers' Group to be the recipient of this year's Nippy Dip SDCC charitable collections. Proposed by JS seconded by RC.</p> <p>Unanimous agreement; carried forward.</p>	
	<b>ACTION</b> PL to communicate with Katrina regarding the Nippy Dip Just Giving Page	<b>PL</b>
	<b>ACTION</b> PL to send draft information regarding Nippy Dip to Comms Group for publication on the SDCC website.	<b>PL</b>
	<b>ACTION</b> Fiona/Catriona to email Young Carer's Group photographs of activities to AL, for distribution to members.	<b>Fiona/Catriona/AL</b>
<b>6.5</b>	<b>News for SDCC Website, Communication Group</b>	
	It is important that the website contains up to date information otherwise people will not be inclined to refer to it any more	
<b>6.6</b>	<b>eConsult Event, RC</b>	
	Date fixed as 7 <sup>th</sup> November at Stonehaven Town Hall at 7.00pm. Dr McLaughlin unavailable to attend but will get another person to assist SDCC. SH suggested Mearns FM sound system for the event.	
	<b>ACTION</b> SH to arrange Mearns FM sound system for the event.	<b>SH</b>
	<b>ACTION</b> All members to attend, where possible.	<b>ALL</b>
<b>6.7</b>	<b>Community Council Scheme of Establishment Review, RC</b>	
	Review of the Community Council Scheme of Establishment to take place on Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November. Members invited to review the report on Aberdeenshire Council, which will be available one week prior to the meeting in November. Members can pass on comments to Elected Members. SDCC submitted a comment regarding the appeal procedure.	
<b>6.8</b>	<b>Miekle Carewe Wind Farm Panel Representative, MD</b>	
	Other SDCC members invited to consider taking on this role in future wind farm award panels.	
<b>6.9</b>	<b>SDCC Business Meeting Venue, RC</b>	
	SDCC considered the use of Stonehaven Sheriff Court for the purpose of SDCC meetings 2020 onwards, agreeing to attend the premises to consider the suitability of the venue, being shown round by John Robson, Stonehaven Town Partnership Director.	

	New projection equipment to be installed in the court room by Stonehaven Town Partnership and the Round Table to improve the functionality of this venue as place for organisations to hire. It was noted that this venue has access and ancillary facilities, such as a lift, WIFI, toilets and a kitchenette.	
<b>7.</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	
	None.	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Future Dates and Events</b>	
	Stonehaven Patient Participation and Surgery, eConsult Event, Stonehaven Town Hall, proposed to be held on 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7.00pm	
<b>9.</b>	<b>A.O.C.B.</b>	
<b>9.1</b>	<b>Letter to Heather Knoller, Network Rail, RC</b>	
	HK replied; their maintenance team is looking into this matter. It was noted that their maintenance team has been looking into this since March and still not replied. Cllr D acknowledged that multiple ownership of each area was an issue and multiple partners should be involved. A walk-about with partners is planned.	
	<b>ACTION</b> Cllr D to let SDCC know date of walk-about.	<b>Cllr D</b>
<b>9.2</b>	<b>JS flood prevention</b>	
	JS speaking with Sheila Tomly who will be distributing information. ST is keen to attend an SDCC business meeting to give a presentation.	
	<b>ACTION</b> JS to discuss date with ST to attend an SDCC Business Meeting.	<b>JS</b>
	<b>ACTION</b> JS to create publicity for ST's attendance at SDCC Business Meeting to increase public attendance.	<b>JS</b>
<b>9.3</b>	<b>Hannah Dyson and Comm Award, AL</b>	
	AL looking at deadlines and sent around the award criteria to members. JS offered to help AL and RC with this.	
<b>10.</b>	<b>Date of Next Meetings</b>	
<b>10.1</b>	<b>Agenda Meeting:</b>	
	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2019, 7:00pm start, Invercarron Resource Centre, Stonehaven.	
<b>10.2</b>	<b>Business Meeting:</b>	
	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2019, 7:00pm start, Invercarron Resource Centre, Stonehaven.	